3/24/70

Dear Dick,

I could not get this package of letters and stuff to you sooner because of the blasted mail strike down here. However, today I received your mailings of 3/16 which include the Xeroxes of some of Harold's stuff plus your letter on the .22 rim-fires. Many thanks for the detailed answer. I have another question--a far more important one.

Let me give you a hypothetical circumstance, and you can comment on what the factors I give you would indicate.

Suppose this about the fragments in JFK neck: Let's say that on the X-rays viewed by the Panel these fragments were very numerous and very tiny, with the largest no more than half a millimeter and the others ranging down to a size that was just barely visible. These are all seen just next to the transverse process of the 7th cervical vertebra and are confined to an area only a few millimeters square. On the X-ray these tiny fragments overlap each other and are too small and too numerous to be counted. Remember though that they are confined to this area only a few square mm's in size.

What would you make of this? Does this sound like enough to account for a whole bullet? And what does it suggest about the course of the bullet as well as what the bullet struck?

Not a word XXX to anyone on the conditions I state about the fragments in this letter--except to Harold who is getting a carbon of the letter.

When I speak of accrediting certain material to you, I do not mean technical data. That I have gotten from XXX many expert sources--books and Fillinger. However, it was you who provided me with the ideas--like with the type of bullets that were used based on their fragmentation, ect. It would not be right for me totry and pass this off as my own thinking, even if I did research to develop it.

All for now. You stay well too.

cc Harold